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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET ENERGY AGREEMENT: OIL (08.04)
US DELEGATION VISIT

REF: MOSCOW 10463

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM WATKINS TO
TAKOYEV WITH COPY TO MALTSEV.

MAY 17, 1978 08.04

D. A. TAKOYEV
DEPUTY MINISTER
MINISTRY OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY
MOSCOW, USSR

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DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS INFORMED ME THAT IT WOULD
BE INCONVENIENT FOR YOU TO RECEIVE OUR DELEGATION IN
LATE JUNE AND THAT YOU PREFER TO SCHEDULE THE EXCHANGE
FOR JULY 3-14. UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR SUGGESTED TIMING
FOR THE VISIT IS INCONVENIENT FOR SEVERAL MEMBERS OF

THE DELEGATION. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RECONSIDER THE
ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED JUNE TIMING, WE PROPOSE THAT
THE US DELEGATION VISIT THE USSR IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO INFORMED ME THAT YOU DO NOT
INTEND TO SCHEDULE A TRIP TO LENINGRAD FOR OUR
DELEGATION. THE REASON LENINGRAD WAS SUGGESTED
IN THE ITINERARY WAS THAT FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES,
SOURCE ROCKS, AND OTHER RESEARCH AT ALL ALL-UNION
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY INSTITUTE FOR
OIL WAS BELIEVED PERTINENT TO THE MUTUAL AIMS OF
COOPERATION IN GEOCHEMISTRY AND THE FUNDAMENTAL
PROPERTIES OF PETROLEUM. IS THAT WORK STILL IN
PROGRESS AND, IF NOT, WILL THE US DELEGATION BE
ABLE TO DISCUSS SUCH WORK ELSEWHERE?

PER YOUR REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING IS COMPOSITION OF
OUR DELEGATION:

--MR. JOHN S. BALL, GROUP LEADER, BARTLESVILLE ENERGY
RESEARCH CENTER

--MR. WILLIAM E. HAINES, LARAMIE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER

--DR. JAMES M. SUGIHARA, NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
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--DR. ALAN ROBERTS, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER,
COLORADO

--DR. TERRANCE J. DONOVAN, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY,
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

--MR. W. E. ROBINSON, LARAMIE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER

--INTERPRETER

THE NAME OF THE INTERPRETER AND TITLES OF SUGGESTED
PRESENTATIONS BY THE U.S. GROUP WILL BE PROVIDED LATER.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WITH KIND PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

J. WADE WATKINS
US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN

FYI: IF SOVIETS WISH TO RECONSIDER JUNE TIMING FOR
VISIT, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP SO THAT PREPARATIONS CAN
BE MADE. VANCE

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